

REMARKS

Claims 18-20 and 36-51 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 18, 19, 37-40, 42, 45 and 46 are amended. Support for amended claims 18, 19, 37, 40 and 46 can be found at least at Fig. 3. No new matter is added. In view of at least the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Boddie and Lefkowitz in the May 7 personal interview are greatly appreciated. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to claim 45. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 45 to obviate this objection. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 37-39 to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 19, 20, 36 and 40-51 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yumoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,859,193); rejects claims 18, 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yumoto in view of Kanatani (U.S. Patent No. 5,412,297); and rejects claims 37 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yumoto in view of Miyachi (U.S. Patent No. 6,937,224). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

As discussed during the personal interview, the applied references do not disclose or suggest driving an electro-optical device where one of a plurality of power-supply lines is electrically connected to one of a plurality of data lines via a capacitor in one of the plurality of unit circuits, a first electrode of the capacitor being connected to the one of the plurality of

power-supply lines and a second electrode of the capacitor being connected to the one of the plurality of data line, as recited in independent claim 18. Independent claims 19, 37, 40 and 46 recite similar features.

Yumoto discloses in Fig. 19 a current drive circuit that has a plurality of pixel circuits having: an OLED; control TFTs (1, 2) for controlling current supplied to the OLED; switching TFT (4) for switching control TFT (1); and a capacitor C for holding a voltage between a gate and source of control TFT (1). See, also, similar embodiments in Figs. 5, 8, 9 and 11-18. Yumoto merely teaches that the capacitor C holds a voltage between a gate and a source of a TFT that is usable for controlling current supplied to the OLED. Therefore, Yumoto does not suggest that a first electrode of the capacitor C is connected to a power-supply line and a second electrode of the capacitor C is connected to a data line.

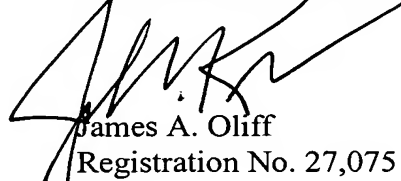
Kanatani and Miyachi do not cure for the above-noted deficiencies of Yumoto. Both of Kanatani and Miyachi are silent regarding the capacitor as recited in independent claim 18, and similarly recited in independent claims 19, 37, 40 and 46.

Thus, independent claims 18, 19, 37, 40 and 46 define patentable subject matter. Claims 20, 36, 38, 39, 41-45 and 47-51 depend from one of independent claims 19, 37, 40 and 46, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 18-20 and 36-51 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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